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COUNTERFEIT BANK NOTES . P PEAR

According to the Berliner Sozialdemokrat, a secret branch of Giesecke and Devrient, a Leipzig printing house, has been printing bank notes in denominations of 5 and 10 Deutsche marks which are difficult to distinguish from legal notes. Plates were obtained from the USSR. [It is not indicated whether these are West marks or East marks.]

German police have confirmed the mass appearance of counterfeit bank notes in denominations of 10, 50 and 100 Deutsche marks. Whereas last year counterfeit notes were brought in from Belgium, Holland, and France, this year they are being brought in by smugglers and refugees from the east. The center of operations is probably in Czechoslovakia. The entire operation looks like a political maneuver. It is not indicated whether these are West marka or East marks.

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